

Monrovia Indiana Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Televising

The Monrovia Sewer Utility Department is scheduling to clean and televise the sanitary sewer mains. We will be working our way through the collection system over the next few months, as weather permits.

The sanitary sewer lines are cleaned using high performance sewer cleaning equipment. A cleaning nozzle is propelled from one Manhole to the next using water under pressure. The nozzle is then pulled back to the starting manhole. As the nozzle is pulled back the water scours the inside of the sanitary sewer line and the debris in the line is pulled back with the water and is removed from with a vacuum truck. After the line has been cleaned a camera is then dropped into the manhole and video records the sewer. The video is then reviewed to determine if there are any defects that need addressed.

During the cleaning of the sewer lines, air occasionally vents into the home through the sanitary service lateral. When this happens, water in the toilet bowl can bubble and surge out of the bowl. Some causes may include:

- Nonexistent or buried 6” outside cleanout
- Inadequate, damaged, or plugged roof vents
- Sags holding water in the main line

Some things the homeowner can do to help avoid water from overflowing from the toilet during the cleaning of the sewers are:

- Uncovering the cleanout and remove the cap
- Put a towel over the toilet lid
- Keep lid closed

You may also notice an odor. This is from the cleaning nozzle pulling the water out of the traps in your plumbing. Simply pour about 2 cups of water back in the trap and this will keep the odor down

